IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the first paragraph on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

Mechanical brake mechanisms also exist as an alternative to electrical control of sheet length. For example, various types of geared systems are widely used in the industry to define the length of a dispensed sheet. Such a system is used, for example in the ~~Lev-R-Matic®~~ LEV-R-MATIC® roll towel dispenser from Kimberly-Clark Corporation. It should be appreciated that any suitable mechanical system may be used in the present dispenser to define or limit the length of the dispensed sheet of material.

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Please substitute the first full paragraph on page 15 with the following amended paragraph:

In an alternative embodiment, a mechanical braking and measuring system may be utilized. One such system widely known and used in the art is a gear system wherein the length of the sheet is determined by the arc of a curved rack that is geared to a metering roll. Such a system is used, for example in the ~~Lev-R-Matic®~~ LEV-R-MATIC® roll towel dispenser from Kimberly-Clark Corporation. This system utilizes a metering roll with a fixed ring gear on an end thereof that is geared to a curved rack gear by way of a floating pinion gear. The ring gear could be provided on the feed roll or pressure roll in the present dispenser. As the towel material is dispensed, the metering roll rotates and drives the curved rack gear by way of the pinion gear. The length of the sheet is determined by the degree of travel of the curved rack gear. At the stop position of the curved rack gear, the feed roll would be locked and the sheet material clamped thereby. The pinion gear is housed in an angled track and moves within the track to disengage from the ring gear and curved rack gear at the stop position of the rack gear, at which point the rack gear falls back to its start position. This type of system is well known by those skilled in the art and need not be described in great detail herein.

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